

# Newton Mearns Church Supplement

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## Church Services

MORNING—11.30 a.m.

EVENING—6.30 p.m. (In the Church.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL—10.15 a.m.

YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUPS—10.30 a.m.

A Class for Beginners and for children living at a distance from the Church is held in the Upper Hall during the Morning Service.

## REGISTER

### Baptisms

*"Suffer the little children to come unto Me."*

Margery Simpson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Allan, 116 University Ave.  
Colin McConnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, South Walton.  
George Wardrop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, Neilston.  
William Angus Dawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. MacPhail, Warren House.  
Graham Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson, Hillcrest, Glebe Lane.  
Muriel Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lillie, 12 May Terrace.  
Jennifer, Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin, Glencairn Drive.  
Donald George Heron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson, Thorntonhall.  
Catherine Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mackay, Main Street.  
Patricia Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Hazelwood Avenue.  
Annie Margaret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steele, Woodneuk.

### Marriages

Arthur Gilmour Anderson and Eunice Margaret Jeeves.  
William Thomson and Esther Joyce Bogie.  
Ivo Archie Ewing and Elizabeth Paterson Reid.  
William Murray Clark and Annie Mitchell Paul.  
Harry Sutherland Clark and Christina Emily Newell McLennan.  
Robert Biggar and Frances Marjory Hamilton.  
John Joss and Rae McMeechan Blue.  
Robert Johnstone and Margaret Conlin.

### Deaths

James N. Nicholson, Dalveen, Thorntonhall.  
Rev. Andrew Hunter, Redthorn, Glebe Road.  
Miss Wilkie, c/o Prospect House.  
Hugh Bell, Hill Avenue.  
A. F. Dunn, Ravenhill, Deramore Avenue.

## NEW MEMBERS

### By Certificate from other Congregations

Mrs. and Miss Grant, 128 Main Street.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Omnet, 6 Townhead Road.  
Mr. and Mrs. Denis Macrair, c/o Knox, Brackenbrae, Larchfield Ave.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. L. Hamilton, 21 Larchfield Avenue.

## FINANCE

### Income for the nine months ending 30th Sept., 1947.

Systematic Giving .....	£1,232	7	0
Church Door Plate .....	167	8	1
Retiring Collections .....	37	4	10
Mission Envelopes .....	56	1	0
Seat Rents .....	113	10	0
Interest .....	34	10	0
Junior Choir Concert .....	25	7	3
Sundry Receipts .....	24	11	0
	£1,740	19	2

## FINANCE CAMPAIGN

The General Assembly being satisfied that additional financial support for the work of the Church is urgently required, has sounded a clarion call to every member, adherent and friend of the Church. This call differs from

the normal appeal made on behalf of any particular fund; it embraces the needs of the whole church, viz. the funds required for the work carried on by the Committees of the General Assembly and also for the work of the 2,600 parishes and congregations at home and their agencies. It is a call to every member to do his or her share according to his or her ability in supporting the work of the Church.

In the state of the world today the need for the preaching of the Gospel and the Christian Way of Life both at home and abroad is greater than ever before. This must be apparent to every thinking Church member. So far from the Church being able to extend its work, however, it is very seriously open to question whether if the present income is not raised substantially, existing ordinances can be indefinitely maintained. The time has come when every member must ask himself whether he is fulfilling the vows undertaken on his becoming a full member of the Church as "the Lord hath prospered him." It is a privilege to be a member of the Church and it is no less a privilege and a responsibility to contribute to the maintenance of religious ordinances and to the extension of the Kingdom.

The additional income needed to meet the estimated requirements for the work of the General Assembly's Committees in 1948, is approximately £100,000, to which falls to be added the loss of income from invested funds due to nationalisation of the Railways and to the general lowering of Interest rates and for other contingencies, £50,000. Further, local Congregational Expenditure has increased considerably and while there is no accurate estimate of the increase it is thought that it cannot be less than £250,000; thus making the required increase in Christian Liberty not less than £400,000.

It must be emphasised that this deficiency arises from from causes outside the control of the Church. The cost of goods and services, e.g. heating, lighting, wages, salaries etc., has greatly increased. For much of her work the Church has to enter the market place as a buyer and pay the increased prices.

The total Christian Liberty of Congregations, as reported to the General Finance Committee for 1946 was £2,374,000, while the membership of the Church as at 31st December 1946 was 1,261,000. Large figures such as these are apt to confuse people. If reduced to terms for the individual the £400,000 required is equal to an additional twopence on every shilling. In these days that is not a large increase to ask and many will no doubt wish to do more when they know the facts.

Members of the Kirk Session will be discussing the position with you when they call with your November Communion Cards and they are looking forward to your loyal support and co-operation. Each person should ask, "what ought I to give in view of my present income." There can be no standardised answer. It is solely a question of conscience and loyalty to the King and Head of the Church.

## THE WOMAN'S GUILD

During the coming winter the Woman's Guild will meet in the Church Hall at 7.30 on alternate Monday evenings.

For the opening meeting on October 20th, we have been fortunate in getting as our speaker, Mr. D. C. Cuthbertson, a member of this congregation, who is a well known writer on Scottish Subjects. The title of his Lecture is "The Tangle of the Isles." A cordial invitation is extended to the women of the congregation to this and to all meetings of the Guild.

The syllabus covers a wide range of Church activities and Social work, and should provide something of interest for all.

During the next few weeks members of the Woman's Guild will call on the ladies of the congregation on behalf of the Schemes of the Guild.

The Committee wish to thank all who have contributed so generously to these Schemes in the past.

### THE SOCIAL AND BADMINTON CLUB

The Club has resumed this winter's activities. Badminton is played every Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 7 till 10 p.m., and on Saturday from 3 till 5 p.m., with the exception of the last Tuesday of each month when there will be a Social Evening.

The Badminton Club has rejoined the resuscitated Glasgow and District Churches League and hope to retain their present position in the First Division at the end of the season.

A Dramatic Section of the Club has now started and arrangements are on hand to have a dramatic production at the beginning of December. New members will be made welcome at any of these meetings.

The Badminton Club would greatly appreciate the gift of any Badminton Racquets which members of the congregation may have and which they no longer require. These Racquets would be for the general use of the club members.

### CHOIR NOTES

#### Nativity Play

Full consent of the Session has been granted to produce the above in the Church at Christmas time. Representatives of all the Junior Organisations of the Church are requested to take part in the play which has a cast of approximately forty. The play has a musical setting and will be produced by Miss Welsh and the Organist. It is hoped that some of the Sunday School teachers and members of the Woman's Guild, will volunteer to co-operate in making this a success.

#### Junior Choir.

The junior choir has started off well this year and has now 35 members. Practises are going well, the enthusiasm is so great that we have commenced three part harmony. They will put on their show in the Spring, entitled "Something Different—Part II."

#### Senior Choir.

Mr. Paterson is most disappointed that from the large number of people who attend Church, not one has come forward to assist the choir. Again the organist appeals to the congregation to assist in this very essential work and let him be the judge whether you can sing or not. THANK YOU.

#### Seat Letting

Members whose names are not on their pews or any other requiring Sittings might please see Mr. Meiklejohn, or any member of the Seat-letting Committee, at the close of any Morning Service.

#### Changes of Address

Any Members changing their addresses are earnestly requested to notify the Session Clerk so that their names may be given to the Elder of the District to which they have removed, thus preventing disappointment at not receiving Communion Cards.

#### Communion

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed on Sunday, 14th September. At the Forenoon Service when the Minister officiated there were 389 present. In the evening 13 communicated, making 402 for the day.

### MINISTER'S NOTES

First of all let me make reference to the Memorial to Mr. John B. Mather which was dedicated on the first Sunday of September. It is fitting that it should be associated with the Communion Table which was gifted

by his sisters at the opening of the new Church. The Vases are, moreover, beside the Reading Stand which commemorates the name of Mr. James Pollock with whom he was so intimately associated in the life of the Church. We miss these two great personalities in the work of the Congregation. They will remain written in the tablet of our heart. "Other men laboured and we are entered into their labours."

Our congratulations are extended to Mr. George Hollinger 2 Barrhead Road, who received recently from the King the Military Medal which he was awarded for gallantry in Italy during the War. He has brought honour to our district and to the Church.

It is with great regret that we learned that the Misses Templeton had decided to leave the district and had bought a residence at Pitlochry. We part with them very reluctantly. The late Mrs. Templeton was a lady greatly respected by all. She was a staunch supporter of our Congregation and did us the honour of laying the Foundation Stone of our present Church. Many happy Sunday School Trips were spent at Crookfur. The Misses Templeton carry with them the good wishes of all our members.

The Services during July were conducted by the Rev. William B. Maclaren of Bothkennar, while the pastoral work was under the care of the Rev. Henry Taylor of Broomvale Drive. To both of these we extend our grateful thanks. Mr. Maclaren expressed the sentiment that he felt like coming back home and we would like to assure him that the Congregation felt equally happy to have him and his wife in the midst. His ministrations were greatly appreciated.

The postponed Welcome Home Social to Ex-Service men and women has been fixed for Tuesday, 21st October at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. The members of the Session and their wives and some representatives of the Social Club have been invited to meet them. It is good to gather as a Congregation in a social capacity and we look forward with keen anticipation to an enjoyable evening. The arrangements are again in the capable hands of Mr. Nimmo.

The Evening Service has been resumed after the break in the summer. It is being held in the Church as some have expressed the opinion that it is easier to catch the atmosphere of Worship there. No one could be satisfied with the attendances at them and we would draw the attention of our members to the fact that there is a second diet of Worship on the Lord's Day.

Many of the congregation would be interested in the Induction of the Rev. Norman Boyd Scott to his new Church in Belfast. His father having begun his ministry in our Congregation, and having written the history of it in "Old days and ways in Newton Mearns," we have always followed his career with interest and will wish him well in his new sphere. Yet his translation is a loss to the Church as a whole of Glasgow.

A new venture in our Congregation this winter is the formation of a Dramatic Club. Mr. Macnaughton is the teacher and already has made many friends amongst us. The personnel hope to "show their paces" at the end of November in a three act play called "Auld Nick," by Andrew P. Wilson. It promises to be an entertaining evening.

Our aim in the Church is to bring every child and adolescent up to the age of 18 under some source of instruction. The Sabbath School is in a very healthy state. Now we are searching for all the adolescents of 12 to 18. Already a goodly number, about 30 or so, have been brought together on Sunday Forenoon at 10.30 a.m. in the Adolescent Groups. Mr. Hall has joined myself, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Armour in this work. Are there any who are not attending? Will you help us to find them and attract them inside? For those over 18 the Y.P.U. has resumed on Sunday evenings at 7.45 p.m. under the leadership of Mr. Ewen Peden.